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18 July 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Project Director

SUBJECT : Proposed Attempt to Establish
World's Altitude Record

REFERENCES : SAPC-7351, Same Subject
SAPC-7431, Same Subject

1. In response to your memorandum requesting that action be taken to discuss the possibility with NACA towards the establishment of a world's altitude record the following information has been determined. [REDACTED] of NACA advised on 12 July 1956 that the NACA rules and regulations governing altitude records prevents us from attempting such a feat at this time. Historically we could establish a record but it could not be officially recognized without proper notification of many unwitting personalities. With this, of course, would go unwarranted publicity which we could not afford at this time.

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2. [REDACTED] advised that as a normal practice official recognition must be made immediately upon reaching a record altitude and that such notification could not be officially recognized if held in abeyance.

3. You may wish to consider the morale factors involved among the pilots now at [REDACTED] and thus continue with instrumentation planning towards an unofficial altitude record. If this be your desire please advise and I will recontact NACA for the necessary instrumentation.

[REDACTED]
Project Cover Officer

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